

The Useful Toodle.
King Foolishness.
The Food Limit.
Settling Down.

By ARTHUR BRISBANE
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The latest dance, according to exuberant youth from Yale and Harvard, is "the toddle." The latest fad is to move along with heels on the ground after the fashion of a child two years old. This would be unimportant except that with "the toddle" there goes an important social change. Corsets are a curse, except when loose and very short. It seems that young dancing boys refer to women that wear hard corsets as "Old Ironsides," and this has persuaded thousands of young women to lay corsets aside.

Public opinion will do what mere wise criticism can never do. Men quickly stopped chewing tobacco in public when they found they were despised for the unclean habit. Chinese mothers stopped binding their daughters' feet when young Chinese men said they would not marry girls unable to walk.

Crowds in the streets of Athens, delirious with joy at the return of a king, kissing the harness of his horses, may teach something to Americans that think we should make ourselves responsible through a League of Nations for the quarrels of Europe. Until a nation gets beyond the stage of kissing the harness of a king's horse, it, and other nations like it, should not be taken too seriously by a country calling itself a republic.

The determined fight against immigration to the United States will shut out hundreds of thousands that would like to come. They will go to South America and to Canada. This means that ambitious, energetic human labor, always self-supporting, will be diverted north and south to build up powerful competition on both sides of us. Those who think that this will be a good thing for the United States are mistaken.

A literary professor of Johns Hopkins says the population of this country will be one hundred and ninety-seven millions in the year 2100. He says that will be the limit—the country will not be able to feed any more. Such a population would require two hundred and sixty trillion calories, and the country cannot produce so much, etc., etc.

All of this is professional guesswork. The population of Japan now is seventy-seven millions. If Japan, including Korea, can feed that number, the United States, with more than ten times Japan's territory, can feed seven hundred millions and more.

It has been said that the State of Texas alone, intensively cultivated, could feed the present population of the globe, about fifteen hundred millions. That, probably, is not an exaggeration.

Workers in the clothing trades have their pay cut thirty per cent. Textile workers in New England have already accepted, subject to further discussion, a cut of twenty-two per cent.

The world is settling back, and there is still a great deal of settlement to be done. It is a process hard on those that are first selected for the readjustment.

It may comfort the workers to know that business men felt the pinch, many of them were wiped out entirely, before the workers' turn came. In certain lines of business many of the biggest and ablest leaders find themselves bankrupt and ruined.

The question that men ask everywhere is "How long will the readjustment last?" It will last until the nations that have spent 250 BILLIONS on war liquidate the bill. A lot of mending must be done from the ground up.

The important thing for America is not to let well-meaning over-enthusiastic Europeans run too deeply in debt on this side of the water. The nations of Europe owe this Nation fourteen billion dollars.

Private debts, apart from nations and municipalities, owing to Americans amount to four thousand million dollars.

There is talk in England and other European countries of very spectacular failures. Wise Americans will do their lending chiefly here at home, or be sorry.

HATED HAMON FROM FIRST, SAYS CLARA, GIVING LIFE STORY

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IRISH WITNESS "GAGGED" BY U. S. OFFICIAL

'MADE JAKE,' CLARA CLAIMS

Inspired Oil King to Win Success, Asserts Woman Who Slew Him.

KEPT HAMON IN "GAME"

Affinity of "Masterful Man" Tells How He Got Full Control of Her Life.

Clara Barton Smith Hamon, affinity and alleged slayer of Jake L. Hamon, Oklahoma oil king and politician, was found in Chihuahua city, Mexico, by Sam Blair, staff correspondent of the Chicago Herald and Examiner, a Hearst newspaper. To him she told the story of her life with Hamon, the fatal shooting and her flight. This story was published yesterday in The Washington Times. The following is a continuation of the story:

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EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 21.—Not all of the story Clara Smith Hamon told me Saturday night in the public park in Chihuahua, Mexico, had to do with the commingling of violence and besetting that assassinated the night of November 21 in an Ardmore hotel in the fatal shooting of Jake L. Hamon, financial and political dictator of Oklahoma and northern Texas.

There was a trace of wistful regret in the story, an occasional touch of pride in looking back upon the past, now and then a bit of reminiscence that was gently happy.

"Do you remember 'Sentimental Tommy' and Tommy's brutal father, the 'Masterful Man'?" she asked me. "Well, he (Hamon) was just like that—a masterful man. She went on: "He dominated me from the first time I ever looked into his eyes and noted the strange glint in them.

"I was seventeen—worked behind the counter in a little Lawton, Okla., store.

"He got to coming in quite constantly; would not allow anyone to wait on him but me.

"Sometimes I think that girls are provided with a wonderful instinct planted in their heads by God. This instinct ought to guide them. It ought to have continued to guide me as it did at first.

"For I hated him in those first meetings—hated him just as I got to

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LONGWORTH URGES HIGH TARIFF BARS

Tells House American People Have Favored Protection by Tremendous Majority.

Characterizing the Underwood tariff law as a hedge-podge containing some of the worst features of free trade and tariff for revenue, Representative Nicholas Longworth of Ohio today declared during a speech in the House that the American people by a tremendous majority have commanded the Republican party to originate new revenue laws based on protection at the earliest possible moment.

Revision of the tariff, Longworth said, should not interfere with the immediate revision of the internal revenue laws for the purpose of more justly distributing the burdens of taxation, which "today are throttling business and adding directly to the cost that the consumer must pay for the necessities of life."

Longworth said that the difficulties of framing tariff legislation arose from its relation to the government revenues, of accurately determining costs of production at home and abroad, and what consideration ought to be paid or discrimination made in favor of our allies, not only in view of our close relationship with them on account of our co-operation during the war, but also having in mind the immense amount of money they owe us, both in payment for our enormous exports in recent years and of the loans we have advanced, now aggregating nearly \$10,000,000,000.

The question of how Europe is going to pay the United States close to \$14,000,000,000 which she owes must be considered in framing the tariff, said Longworth.

Xmas to Mark First Real Peace in Russia, Trotzky Tells World

By LOUISE BRYANT.
International News Service.

MOSCOW, by wireless to Berlin, Dec. 21.—Soviet Russia will have its first peace Christmas this year since the creation of the Soviet form of government.

This was the message sent to the outside world today by Leon Trotzky, people's commissar for war. Trotzky has just returned from south Russia, where he directed military operations on the Crimean front. He says that Russia is not making any preparations for future fighting. All the energies of the Soviet, he said, are now being turned toward the economic upbuilding of the country.

(Note.—According to press dispatches from Constantinople, Soviet Russia has embarked on a new war in Persia, using troops that crushed General Wrangel's anti-Bolshevik army. Constantinople reported that the Russian Reds had invaded northwestern Persia and were advancing on Tabriz, overcoming all opposition.)

Seated in his office in the building of the supreme revolutionary war council, Trotzky dictated the following statement:

HAVE NO ACTIVE FRONTS.
"As to the situation on the fronts, I may say that at this moment we have no active fronts. In the south

HARDING GOING TO FLORIDA IN JANUARY

Will Spend Several Weeks on Houseboat as Senator Frelinghuysen's Guest.

The President-elect and Mrs. Harding will spend the coldest weeks of the winter in Florida leaving early in the New Year and not returning until shortly before March 4 according to information obtained here today.

The Hardings will be the guests of Senator and Mrs. Frelinghuysen of New Jersey on their houseboat. The craft is now being overhauled here in the Potomac and will be sent to the Florida district in time to pick up the party there in January.

Many of the famous Florida resorts will be visited particularly those affording good golf courses. Some hunting in the Everglades also is in prospect the Senator's friends here said today.

O'BRIEN'S \$150,000 GONE, SAYS BROTHER

Widow of Suicide Hero Refuses To See Him When He Calls.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—The \$150,000 fortune of Pat O'Brien, romantic popular idol and war hero who committed suicide here, is missing, according to Merwin O'Brien, his brother.

The famous ace who took his life when his wife, Virginia Dare, a movie actress, refused to see him, had the fortune less than a year ago, his brother said.

"Pat always led a model life, and I cannot believe he allowed such a large sum for money to become dissipated," Merwin O'Brien said. He had \$50,000 in cash in banks in New York, Chicago and San Francisco; \$50,000 in steel stocks and \$25,000 in Liberty Bonds. His book, "Outwitting the Hun," netted him \$15,000 and he realized money from magazine articles.

O'Brien's widow refused to see his brother when he called on her, Merwin O'Brien said.

POLICE HAVE NO CLUE TO MEN WHO STOLE \$16,000

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 21.—The police today were without a single clue in their search for the robbers who late yesterday afternoon held up employees of the American Express Company here and escaped with a safe containing \$16,000. It was one of the boldest robberies in the history of the city.

All employees of the company were about to place the safe on a truck in the rear of the company's office, the five bandits, armed with shotguns, appeared and drove them back into the building. The bandits loaded the safe into an automobile and disappeared.

Burns to Death at Prayer.
DURHAM, N. C., Dec. 21.—Miss Nettie Blacker was fatally burned while praying before an open grate fire.

A Christmas Suggestion
A present that will be welcome day by day. That will be new all the time.

THE TIMES
HERE Delivered, \$7.20 a Year
AWAY By Mail \$10.50 a Year

Yeggs Crack P. O. Safe.
NOROTON HEIGHTS, Conn., Dec. 21.—The postoffice here was entered by yeggs today, the safe blown open, and \$500 in cash taken. An automobile was heard starting about a mile away, indicating that the robbers escaped in that manner.

LUCILLE VERNOFF, alias Ruth Jones, a charming nineteen-year-old girl who is being sought by the police of many cities. The Chicago police allege the girl is leader of a band of burglars responsible for robberies totaling \$100,000.



Lucille Vernoff

JOB HUNTERS HAUNT MARION

Cry of "Gimme" Is Heard Above Deep Discussion of International Situation.

By JACK ROYLE.
International News Service.

MARION, Ohio, Dec. 21.—Applicants to the right of him, applicants to the left of him, volleyed and thundered. Even above the deep and important discussions on the international situation now in progress, the war cry of the job-seeker, "Gimme," resounded about President-elect Harding's headquarters.

DAYS ARE CROWDED.
Despite that unrecurrent of interruptions, the conferences on international and domestic policy are being pushed forward toward conclusion with the utmost speed. Senator Harding's days are full from breakfast time until long after dark in an effort to talk with as many leaders as possible before the holiday season is concluded.

The conversion of Senator John Shields of Tennessee, bitter Democratic opponent of the League of Nations and treaty of Versailles, to the Harding plan for an international tribunal, confirmed by Senator Shields' statement late yesterday, is regarded at Harding headquarters as a distinct victory for the proposal.

Gen. Charles G. Dawes, regarded by many as a possibility for Secretary of the Treasury, advocated to Senator Harding a plan for using a trade body, such as the War Trade Board, as a weapon of offense and defense in international relations, it became known today.

SPAIN AS EXAMPLE.
He pointed out, it is said, the effect produced on Spain at the time General Dawes was in charge of purchases for the allies during the war. The War Trade Board, he said, announced that no further shipments of material to Spain might be expected until Spanish mules, urgently needed at the Flanders front, were delivered. Such delivery followed within five days. Gen. Dawes said.

Mrs. Harding is expected to leave for New York shortly after Christmas for the final fittings for the gowns she will wear at the inauguration and the ceremonies which follow it. It is not expected that she will again be within reach of the metropolitan shopping district until after she becomes first lady of the land.

Gov. Edward Morrow, of Kentucky, conferred with Senator Harding today. Senator Miles Polinder also discussed international and domestic plans with the President-elect.

TEN WORKMEN INJURED BY CAVE-IN OF FURNACE

GARY, Ind., Dec. 21.—Ten workmen were injured today when an open hearth furnace in the Illinois Steel Company's works here, in which they were working, caved in and buried them in the debris.

First reports to the police stated that twenty-five or thirty men had been buried alive and that several had been killed outright, but company officials later announced that none had been seriously injured.

SLAIN WOMAN FOUND ON SAND

Long Beach Victim Beautiful and Refined—N. Y. Police Have New Mystery.

Don't Arrest Gunmen, Kill 'Em, Chicago Cops Told

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Here are some of the orders issued by Police Chief Fitz Morris to policemen here:

Don't arrest gunmen and bandits and crooks you catch at their lawlessness—kill them. You are not only to detect crime—you must prevent it. Any copper who will not work hard to prevent crime must get off the force.

The patrolman in uniform is the strongest factor in preventing crime. It is up to the man on post.

To each commanding officer: Pick your own plain clothes men. Send me a report daily of the work of every patrolman in your command.

No more political pull will go—it is no use for a politician to intercede for a crooked policeman.

Raid the crooks. Raid them again. Keep on raiding them. Be a rat terrier after rats. Crooks are rats.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Though completely mystified as to the cause of her death, police believed at noon today they had identified the body of the fashionably dressed woman found on the sands of Long Beach last night as that of Mrs. John A. Lee, widow of a prominent physician of Brooklyn. Dr. Lee, who was head of the Kings County Medical Society, died about six months ago. He was a noted cancer expert.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A murder mystery involving a beautiful woman was added to New York's crime wave today.

The woman, who was about thirty years of age and dressed in deep mourning, was found on a lonely stretch of sand at Long Beach. She had been shot through the right eye.

BODY BROUGHT TO BEACH.
The police believe she was murdered elsewhere and her body was carried to the beach.

There were no marks of a struggle around the body. No revolver was found. Two men searching the beach for frost fish stumbled upon the body by accident. They reported to the police at once. Coroner Neu, of Lynbrook, conducted an autopsy.

Detectives learned a coast guard had passed the spot where the body was found fifteen minutes before the two fishermen made their tragic discovery. This indicated the body had been deposited on the sand between the time the coast guard passed and the fishermen appeared.

The woman had the appearance of wealth, refinement and education. Her clothing was expensive and bore the imprint of Paris. Her hat, a fashionable New York model, had been imported from Paris. Her underclothes were silk.

There was a handbag near the body, but it contained no cards or anything else to identify the woman.

There was a gale blowing on the coast during the night, and it was pointed out by the police it would have been impossible for the sound of shots to be heard any distance away because of the high wind.

CURFEW IN EFFECT.
Police Commissioner Enright's curfew order went into effect last night. A number of belated passers-by were stopped and searched by policemen in frequent streets after midnight. Some were found to be carrying revolvers, which they explained were for self-protection.

Borough President Curran said he would introduce a resolution at a meeting of the board of estimate today asking the State legislature to investigate the present municipal administration, especially the police branch.

WANT REPEAL OF TAXES ON CARBONATED WATER

Repeal of the 10 per cent tax on fruit juices, carbonated waters and other soft drinks was urged before the House Ways and Means Committee today by former Senator Thomas W. Hardwick and Ellis Johnson, of Georgia, representatives of the Association of Bottlers of Carbonated Waters.

Hardwick said that the tax cannot be absorbed by manufacturers, and must be passed along to the consumer. For this reason it has curtailed the industry and threatens to destroy it.

LIEUT. WALTER HINTON and two companions have been missing since December 13, when they left the Rockaway naval air station on an experimental trip in a big service balloon which has vanished. His companions are Lieuts. Stephen Farrell and L. A. Kloor.



PLANE SENT TO FIND LOST BALLOONISTS FALLS AFLAME

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Lieut. F. B. Johnson's airplane, one of the two sent from the Rockaway naval station to search the Adirondack woods for the three missing naval balloonists, was burned up here this morning. Lieutenant Johnson and his helper are unharmed. The machine developed engine trouble and came down aflame.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Despite the fact that more than a week has elapsed since word was received from Lieut. Walter Hinton, Stephen A. Farrell, and Louis A. Kloor, Jr., who left Rockaway Point in a naval balloon to search the Adirondack woods for the three missing men, the search has not been abandoned.

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RUSH MEN TO HELP TIPPERARY FORCES

British Send Re-enforcements to Troops Fighting Against Sinn Feiners.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Fifteen black and tan were killed and another wounded in a violent battle between military and civilians at a two-mile house, in county Tipperary, according to a dispatch from Kilkenny. Heavy firing was heard along eight miles of the county road where the battle was fought.

DUBLIN, Dec. 21.—Troop reinforcements were today rushed to the mountains of Tipperary, where eighteen persons were killed and many were wounded in a pitched battle between soldiers and Sinn Feiners.

An amendment of British troops was ambushed near Mullinahone. The fire of the attackers was returned, and soon an engagement was raging, with the combatants shooting from behind trees and boulders. It was like a battle between Indians and Colonists in the early days of America.

According to latest accounts from the scene, the Sinn Feiners lost ten killed, forty prisoners and many wounded.

The casualties of the crown forces were eight killed and a few wounded. The first accounts of the fighting received here were vague. They said that a battle of magnitude was raging and that indications were that the casualties would be heavy. The scene was said to be "an inaccessible mountain fastness."

U. S. SUES JOHN D. FOR \$292,678 TAX ON INCOME

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The government brought an income tax suit yesterday against John D. Rockefeller for \$292,678.74, with a penalty of 5 per cent and interest at 1 per cent from June 30, 1918.

The complaint, filed by Assistant Federal Attorney Holmes, alleges that Mr. Rockefeller's income tax return, filed March 28, 1918, was "incorrect, misleading and false" in that, among other items, defendant failed to include as part of his profits and income for 1915 any part of 50,103 shares of the capital stock of the Illinois Pipe Line Company, or 67,176 shares of the capital stock of the Prairie Pipe Line Company, or the value of these shares.

PASSPORT WAS DENIED WOMAN

Mrs. Robinson, of Manchester, Tells Committee of "Gag" Promise Given.

REFUSED TO VISE PAPERS

Vice Consul Wells Held Up Visit Until Pressure Came From London.

SOUTHAMPTON, England, Dec. 21.—The Cunard liner Aquitania, which arrived here today from New York, was searched by secret service agents for Eamon de Valera, president of the Irish republic, who was reported to be on board.

The detectives were unable to find any trace of de Valera, and reported that they were satisfied he was not on board.

Francis Wells, American vice consul at Manchester, England, refused to give his British passport to go to the United States and testify as to her observation of conditions in Ireland on the ground that the United States was "not encouraging inquiry into affairs in Ireland," Mrs. Ann E. Robinson, of Manchester, a member of the Women's International League of England, told the American Commission on Conditions in Ireland when it resumed its sessions at the Hotel Lafayette today.

Mrs. Robinson, who with Miss Ellen C. Wilkinson, also of Manchester and also a delegate here from the English organization, were the witnesses to the commission today, severely criticized the British policy of coercive terrorism in Ireland. She declared the British agents in Ireland are fighting the Irish republicans by (1) terrorism, (2) destruction of Irish agriculture, manufacture and trade and (3) propaganda.

ESTABLISHED OWN FACTS.
These facts, she declared, were found by herself, Miss Wilkinson and other members of a commission sent to Ireland by her organization during a two-week tour, which included visits to Ballinacorney and other towns sacked by crown forces.

When United States Vice Consul Wells refused to give her passport at Manchester, Mrs. Robinson testified today, she went to London, where she saw Consul General Robert P. Skinner. He, she said, told her Wells had no right to refuse the visa and got into telephonic communication with Wells, after which he instructed her to present her passport to Wells again.

BREAKS "GAG" PROMISE.
On her second visit to Wells, she said, he again hesitated to approve the passport, finally doing so after exacting a promise from her that she would not give out newspaper interviews or make any speeches while in this country.

"He had no right to demand that promise, and I do not intend to keep it," Mrs. Robinson declared.

She was interrogated by Senators Norris and Walsh as to whether Walsh was an American or an Englishman.

"I do not know," she replied. "He had an American accent, but an English policy."

EXPLAINED HER VISIT.
Mrs. Robinson said that Wells made his first refusal to give her passport after she had explained to him that it had been granted by the British government without the slightest objection to her visit to America. She had the sanction of such leading members of the British Parliament as Lord Henry Bunsick, Sir John Simon, Commander Kenworthy, and Mrs. Swannick.

These latter, she explained, are members of the committee for peace in Ireland, which meets daily in London and at present is advocating withdrawal of the British armed forces in Ireland at least to the signature and a cessation of the reprisals campaign.

When Wells refused his visa, she said, only a few days remained before the vessel on which she and the other members of the delegation had booked passage to the United States sailed and only her hurried trip to London enabled them to depart on schedule.

The commission gave no indication of what action might be expected as a result of this official interference by an American, but since Senators Norris and Walsh and a member of the Massachusetts and Walsh of the commission and were sitting today it is not believed the incident will be passed over unnoticed, and it was understood today that the State Department might be called upon for explanation.

FIRST WITNESS OF DAY.
Mrs. Robinson, the first witness of the day, said she and Mrs. Wilkinson came to this country to appear before the commission to tell of the investigation in Ireland made by the British Branch of the Women's International.

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